

# The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking, 2008-2009

*A daily lectionary bearing witness to God's gift of peace and Christ's call to live as peacemakers*



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## **TOGETHER, AS GOD'S CHILDREN**

October 5, 2008 – Romans 12:1-8  
October 6, 2008 – Isaiah 2:2-4  
October 7, 2008 – 1 John 4:7-12  
October 8, 2008 – Romans 11:13-24  
October 9, 2008 – Colossians 3:1-11  
October 10, 2008 – Psalm 33  
October 11, 2008 – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

## **TURNING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES**

October 12, 2008 – Micah 4:1-4  
October 13, 2008 – Hosea 2:16-23  
October 14, 2008 – Luke 22:47-51  
October 15, 2008 – Amos 9:13-15  
October 16, 2008 – James 4:1-10  
October 17, 2008 – Isaiah 66:18-23  
October 18, 2008 – Zechariah 9:9-10

## **PEACE: GOD'S INTENTION FOR CREATION**

October 19, 2008 – Genesis 1:26-31  
October 20, 2008 – Ezekiel 34:25-31  
October 21, 2008 – Exodus 20:8-17  
October 22, 2008 – Romans 1:16-23  
October 23, 2008 – Isaiah 45:5-18  
October 24, 2008 – Genesis 9:8-17  
October 25, 2008 – Isaiah 42:5-12

## **RECONCILING THE WORLD**

October 26, 2008 – Colossians 1:15-23  
October 27, 2008 – Acts 17:24-31  
October 28, 2008 – Isaiah 56:3-8  
October 29, 2008 – Jeremiah 31:7-14  
October 30, 2008 – Isaiah 53:7-12  
October 31, 2008 – Isaiah 49:6-13  
November 1, 2008 – Acts 10:44-48

## **THE COST OF STRIFE AND DISOBEDIENCE**

November 2, 2008 – Ezekiel 7:23b-27  
November 3, 2008 – Matthew 21:33-46  
November 4, 2008 – Isaiah 33:7-9  
November 5, 2008 – Luke 13:31-35  
November 6, 2008 – Isaiah 30:8-14  
November 7, 2008 – Genesis 4:1-16  
November 8, 2008 – Malachi 2:1-12

## **REPENTING OF ARROGANCE**

November 9, 2008 – Luke 14:7-11  
November 10, 2008 – 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
November 11, 2008 – Genesis 11:1-9  
November 12, 2008 – Isaiah 14:12-20  
November 13, 2008 – Luke 18:9-14  
November 14, 2008 – Jonah 3:1-4:11  
November 15, 2008 – Psalm 100

## **PEACE THROUGH UPHOLDING ONE ANOTHER**

November 16, 2008 – Romans 15:1-13  
November 17, 2008 – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
November 18, 2008 – Philippians 1:3-11  
November 19, 2008 – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
November 20, 2008 – 3 John  
November 21, 2008 – 1 Peter 4:8-11  
November 22, 2008 – Romans 14:13-23

## **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

November 23, 2008 – Psalm 19  
November 24, 2008 – Philippians 4:4-7  
November 25, 2008 – Psalm 86:8-13  
November 26, 2008 – Psalm 95  
November 27, 2008 – Mark 14:22-25  
November 28, 2008 – Psalm 111  
November 29, 2008 – Jonah 2:1-10

## **WAITING FOR CHRIST: THE REDEEMER**

November 30, 2008 – Mark 1:1-8  
December 1, 2008 – Isaiah 63:7-9  
December 2, 2008 – Romans 3:21-26  
December 3, 2008 – Mark 5:1-20  
December 4, 2008 – Isaiah 65:17-25  
December 5, 2008 – Psalm 62  
December 6, 2008 – John 3:14-21

## **WAITING FOR CHRIST: HOPE FOR THE WORLD**

December 7, 2008 – Isaiah 35:1-10  
December 8, 2008 – Luke 1:26-38  
December 9, 2008 – Luke 1:39-56  
December 10, 2008 – John 11:1-44  
December 11, 2008 – Micah 5:2-4  
December 12, 2008 – Isaiah 40:1-5  
December 13, 2008 – Romans 5:1-11

## **WAITING FOR CHRIST: THE JUST ONE**

December 14, 2008 – Luke 16:19-31  
December 15, 2008 – Isaiah 11:1-9  
December 16, 2008 – John 4:7-26  
December 17, 2008 – Isaiah 42:1-4  
December 18, 2008 – Psalm 12  
December 19, 2008 – John 13:1-16  
December 20, 2008 – Jeremiah 33:14-16

## **THE COMING OF CHRIST: OUR PEACE**

December 21, 2008 – Matthew 1:18-25  
December 22, 2008 – Jeremiah 31:31-34  
December 23, 2008 – Luke 1:57-80  
December 24, 2008 – Isaiah 9:2-7  
December 25, 2008 – Luke 2:1-7  
December 26, 2008 – Luke 2:8-20  
December 27, 2008 – Luke 2:22-40

## **PEACE COMES TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS**

December 28, 2008 – Matthew 10:40—11:1  
December 29, 2008 – 1 John 3:19-24  
December 30, 2008 – Mark 6:30-44  
December 31, 2008 – Matthew 14:22-33  
January 1, 2009 – Luke 8:40-56  
January 2, 2009 – John 20:19-23  
January 3, 2009 – Galatians 3:23-29

## **JESUS: THE EMBODIMENT OF SHALOM**

January 4, 2009 – John 1:1-18  
January 5, 2009 – Ephesians 1:3-10  
January 6, 2009 – Hebrews 1:1-4  
January 7, 2009 – Matthews 2:1-12  
January 8, 2009 – Isaiah 61:1-4  
January 9, 2009 – Romans 8:1-11  
January 10, 2009 – Revelation 11:15-18

## **LIVING IN A NEW AGE**

January 11, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
January 12, 2009 – Psalm 96  
January 13, 2009 – Revelation 21:1-5  
January 14, 2009 – Romans 8:18-25  
January 15, 2009 – Isaiah 61:8—62:2  
January 16, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
January 17, 2009 – Isaiah 43:15-25

## **LIVING AS GOD'S CHILDREN**

January 18, 2009 – Matthew 25:31-46  
January 19, 2009 – Romans 13:11-14  
January 20, 2009 – 1 John 1:1-10  
January 21, 2009 – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28  
January 22, 2009 – Hebrews 13:1-6  
January 23, 2009 – Romans 12:1-2, 9-21  
January 24, 2009 – Ephesians 4:1-7

## **LIVING THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE**

January 25, 2009 – Psalm 133  
January 26, 2009 – John 8:12  
January 27, 2009 – Zechariah 8:16-17  
January 28, 2009 – Philippians 2:1-11  
January 29, 2009 – Matthew 18:15-22  
January 30, 2009 – Ezekiel 37:24-28  
January 31, 2009 – Joel 2:28-29

## **SEEKING FIRST GOD'S REIGN**

February 1, 2009 – Luke 12:22-31  
February 2, 2009 – Jeremiah 1:4-10  
February 3, 2009 – Psalm 63  
February 4, 2009 – Luke 17:20-21  
February 5, 2009 – Matthew 10:34-39  
February 6, 2009 – Psalm 84  
February 7, 2009 – Ephesians 6:10-20

## **WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE?**

February 8, 2009 – Micah 6:6-8  
February 9, 2009 – Matthew 5:17-20  
February 10, 2009 – 1 John 3:11-18  
February 11, 2009 – Ezekiel 34:17-24  
February 12, 2009 – Isaiah 1:12-17  
February 13, 2009 – Matthew 19:16-22  
February 14, 2009 – James 1:19-27

## **GOD REDEEMS US FROM OUR SIN**

February 15, 2009 – Luke 15:1-7  
February 16, 2009 – Micah 7:18-20  
February 17, 2009 – Luke 7:36-50  
February 18, 2009 – Mark 2:1-12  
February 19, 2009 – Jeremiah 29:10-14  
February 20, 2009 – Zephaniah 3:14-20  
February 21, 2009 – Psalm 130

## **PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATIONS**

February 22, 2009 – John 14:25-31  
February 23, 2009 – Psalm 27  
February 24, 2009 – Matthew 4:1-11  
February 25, 2009 – Psalm 121  
February 26, 2009 – John 16:16-33  
February 27, 2009 – Matthew 11:28-30  
February 28, 2009 – Luke 12:4-7

## **GOD IS TO BE TRUSTED**

March 1, 2009 – Matthew 7:7-12  
March 2, 2009 – Genesis 12:1-5  
March 3, 2009 – Isaiah 55:6-13  
March 4, 2009 – Jeremiah 17:5-8  
March 5, 2009 – Isaiah 26:1-9  
March 6, 2009 – Psalm 89:1-18  
March 7, 2009 – Daniel 6:25-28

## **REPENTING OF GREED**

March 8, 2009 – Luke 12:13-21  
March 9, 2009 – Jeremiah 8:8-13  
March 10, 2009 – Habakkuk 2:1-17  
March 11, 2009 – Matthew 20:20-28  
March 12, 2009 – Amos 5:10-13  
March 13, 2009 – Ezekiel 22:23-31  
March 14, 2009 – Jeremiah 5:21-29

## **PEACE THROUGH LOVE**

March 15, 2009 – John 15:9-11  
March 16, 2009 – 2 Peter 1:3-11  
March 17, 2009 – Mark 12:28-34  
March 18, 2009 – Galatians 5:13-15  
March 19, 2009 – 1 Peter 1:22-25  
March 20, 2009 – John 13:33-35  
March 21, 2009 – Isaiah 54:9-10

## **REPENTING OF THE ILLUSION OF AUTONOMY**

March 22, 2009 – Deuteronomy 8:11-20  
March 23, 2009 – Psalm 34  
March 24, 2009 – 1 Peter 5:1-11  
March 25, 2009 – Proverbs 9:10-11  
March 26, 2009 – Jeremiah 7:16-26  
March 27, 2009 – Genesis 3:1-21  
March 28, 2009 – Psalm 139

## **PEACE THROUGH GOD'S REDEEMING ACTS**

March 29, 2009 – Luke 19:28-42  
March 30, 2009 – Ephesians 4:11-16  
March 31, 2009 – Mark 14:12-25  
April 1, 2009 – John 17:1-5  
April 2, 2009 – John 18:33-38  
April 3, 2009 – Hebrews 10:14-18  
April 4, 2009 – Isaiah 53:1-6

**PEACE INCLUDES JUSTICE**

April 5, 2009 – Leviticus 19:9-18  
April 6, 2009 – Isaiah 3:13-15  
April 7, 2009 – 2 Samuel 12:1-15  
April 8, 2009 – Psalm 82  
April 9, 2009 – Amos 5:1-7  
April 10, 2009 – Isaiah 59:1-19  
April 11, 2009 – Ezekiel 18:5-9

**CELEBRATING THE VICTORY**

April 12, 2009 – Mark 16:1-8  
April 13, 2009 – Romans 6:1-11  
April 14, 2009 – Luke 15:8-10  
April 15, 2009 – Hebrews 12:1-2  
April 16, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 15:3-11  
April 17, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26  
April 18, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

**HOPING IN GOD**

April 19, 2009 – Matthew 6:25-34  
April 20, 2009 – 1 Peter 2:9-10  
April 21, 2009 – 2 Peter 3:8-18  
April 22, 2009 – Nahum 1:12-15  
April 23, 2009 – Exodus 1:15-21  
April 24, 2009 – Revelation 3:15-22  
April 25, 2009 – Isaiah 62:10-12

**GOD GIVES THE GIFT OF PEACE**

April 26, 2009 – Romans 8:31-39  
April 27, 2009 – Psalm 90  
April 28, 2009 – John 15:12-17  
April 29, 2009 – Ephesians 1:15-23  
April 30, 2009 – Isaiah 40:9-11  
May 1, 2009 – 1 John 3:1-3  
May 2, 2009 – Jeremiah 33:1-9

**PEACEMAKING AND EVANGELIZING**

May 3, 2009 – Isaiah 52:7-12  
May 4, 2009 – Psalm 40:1-10  
May 5, 2009 – 2 Timothy 4:1-5  
May 6, 2009 – Luke 9:59-62  
May 7, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 4:1-6  
May 8, 2009 – Acts 2:40-42  
May 9, 2009 – Isaiah 6:1-8

**STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS**

May 10, 2009 – John 14:15-24  
May 11, 2009 – Psalm 85  
May 12, 2009 – Luke 16:10-13  
May 13, 2009 – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
May 14, 2009 – 1 John 4:13-21  
May 15, 2009 – Psalm 103:1-5  
May 16, 2009 – 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**PEACEMAKING IN THE COMMUNITY**

May 17, 2009 – Jeremiah 29:4-7  
May 18, 2009 – Luke 14:12-14  
May 19, 2009 – Matthew 15:10-20  
May 20, 2009 – Mark 6:1-6  
May 21, 2009 – Hebrews 12:12-17  
May 22, 2009 – 2 Kings 22:14—23:3  
May 23, 2009 – Luke 6:32-36

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

May 24, 2009 – Psalm 148  
May 25, 2009 – Isaiah 40:18-26  
May 26, 2009 – Revelation 4:1-8  
May 27, 2009 – Isaiah 12:1-6  
May 28, 2009 – Daniel 4:1-3  
May 29, 2009 – Isaiah 25:1-5  
May 30, 2009 – Psalm 98

**POURING OUT THE SPIRIT**

May 31, 2009 – Acts 2:1-21  
June 1, 2009 – Matthew 3:11-12  
June 2, 2009 – Acts 2:22-39  
June 3, 2009 – Hebrews 1:5-14  
June 4, 2009 – Acts 2:40-47  
June 5, 2009 – Matthew 12:15-21  
June 6, 2009 – Acts 9:1-19

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOD'S REIGN**

June 7, 2009 – Luke 8:1-3  
June 8, 2009 – Philemon  
June 9, 2009 – Romans 16:1-16  
June 10, 2009 – Acts 11:1-18  
June 11, 2009 – Acts 11:19-30  
June 12, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 12:27-30  
June 13, 2009 – Philippians 4:2-3

**EXPERIENCING PEACE THROUGH HEALING**

June 14, 2009 – Luke 17:11-19  
June 15, 2009 – Mark 8:22-26  
June 16, 2009 – Luke 6:17-19  
June 17, 2009 – Mark 1:21-28  
June 18, 2009 – Mark 6:53-56  
June 19, 2009 – Matthew 4:23-25  
June 20, 2009 – Matthew 9:35—10:1

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH**

June 21, 2009 – Psalm 46  
June 22, 2009 – Isaiah 40:27-31  
June 23, 2009 – Mark 4:35-41  
June 24, 2009 – Psalm 18:1-19  
June 25, 2009 – Isaiah 57:11-21  
June 26, 2009 – Psalm 2  
June 27, 2009 – Psalm 91

**REPENTING FALSE SECURITY**

June 28, 2009 – Luke 12:32-34  
June 29, 2009 – Jeremiah 14:13-16  
June 30, 2009 – Deuteronomy 7:6-11  
July 1, 2009 – Isaiah 31:1-3  
July 2, 2009 – Ezekiel 13:8-16  
July 3, 2009 – Matthew 3:7-10  
July 4, 2009 – Luke 3:1-14

**LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN**

July 5, 2009 – Amos 5:21-24  
July 6, 2009 – Luke 4:14-21  
July 7, 2009 – Micah 2:1-5  
July 8, 2009 – Amos 6:4-7  
July 9, 2009 – Jeremiah 7:1-7  
July 10, 2009 – Deuteronomy 16:18-20  
July 11, 2009 – Micah 3:5-12

### **PAYING THE PRICE FOR PEACE**

July 12, 2009 – Luke 10:1-12  
July 13, 2009 – Mark 13:3-13  
July 14, 2009 – Mark 8:34—9:1  
July 15, 2009 – Matthew 8:18-22  
July 16, 2009 – Acts 26:1-32  
July 17, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 11:24-33  
July 18, 2009 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

### **JOINING RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE**

July 19, 2009 – Isaiah 26:7-12  
July 20, 2009 – Amos 5:14-15  
July 21, 2009 – James 3:13-18  
July 22, 2009 – Isaiah 32:1-8  
July 23, 2009 – Proverbs 16:7-8  
July 24, 2009 – Isaiah 33:5-6  
July 25, 2009 – Psalm 106:1-3

### **JESUS' ALTERNATE WAY**

July 26, 2009 – Matthew 5:3-12  
July 27, 2009 – Matthew 5:21-22  
July 28, 2009 – Matthew 5:38-42  
July 29, 2009 – Matthew 5:43-48  
July 30, 2009 – Matthew 7:1-5  
July 31, 2009 – Matthew 10:26-33  
August 1, 2009 - Luke 6:37-38

### **FAITH AS FOUNDATION FOR PEACE**

August 2, 2009 – Luke 7:1-10  
August 3, 2009 – Philippians 3:1-11  
August 4, 2009 – Matthew 15:21-28  
August 5, 2009 – 1 Peter 1:3-9  
August 6, 2009 – Matthew 9:18-31  
August 7, 2009 – Ephesians 3:14-21  
August 8, 2009 – James 1:2-6

### **PEACEMAKING IN ONE'S OWN LIFE**

August 9, 2009 – Psalm 37:1-7  
August 10, 2009 – John 14:1-3  
August 11, 2009 – Proverbs 3:1-8  
August 12, 2009 – Psalm 42  
August 13, 2009 – Joshua 22:1-6  
August 14, 2009 – 1 Kings 8:56-61  
August 15, 2009 – Psalm 4

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

August 16, 2009 – Acts 15:1-35  
August 17, 2009 – Matthew 5:21-24  
August 18, 2009 – Proverbs 24:28-29  
August 19, 2009 – Luke 6:29-30  
August 20, 2009 – Proverbs 19:11  
August 21, 2009 – Galatians 6:1-5  
August 22, 2009 – Luke 6:27-28

### **PEACEMAKING AT HOME AND CHURCH**

August 23, 2009 – Mark 10:13-16  
August 24, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 12:4-13  
August 25, 2009 – Genesis 45:1-15  
August 26, 2009 – Luke 10:38-42  
August 27, 2009 – Ruth 1:1-18  
August 28, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 13  
August 29, 2009 – Galatians 5:22-26

### **EXPERIENCING GRACE AS PEACE**

August 30, 2009 – Luke 15:11-32  
August 31, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 4:7-12  
September 1, 2009 – Exodus 6:1-7  
September 2, 2009 – Psalms 51:10-14  
September 3, 2009 – Hebrews 13:20-21  
September 4, 2009 – Romans 8:12-17  
September 5, 2009 – Genesis 50:15-21

### **BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION**

September 6, 2009 – Matthew 7:24-27  
September 7, 2009 – Acts 10:34-43  
September 8, 2009 – Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
September 9, 2009 – Isaiah 55:1-5  
September 10, 2009 – Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
September 11, 2009 – Joshua 1:7-9  
September 12, 2009 – Isaiah 59:20-21

### **TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE**

September 13, 2009 – Luke 10:25-37  
September 14, 2009 – Deuteronomy 6:20-25  
September 15, 2009 – James 2:14-26  
September 16, 2009 – Matthew 28:16-20  
September 17, 2009 – Isaiah 48:17-19  
September 18, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 12:4-12  
September 19, 2009 – Mark 6:7-13

### **ESTEEMING EACH OTHER**

September 20, 2009 – 1 John 2:7-11  
September 21, 2009 – Mark 2:13-17  
September 22, 2009 – James 4:11-12  
September 23, 2009 – Romans 2:1-11  
September 24, 2009 – Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
September 25, 2009 – Amos 8:4-8  
September 26, 2009 – Romans 13:8-10

### **BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS OF HOSTILITY**

September 27, 2009 – Ephesians 2:12-22  
September 28, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 12:14-16  
September 29, 2009 – 1 Peter 3:8-12  
September 30, 2009 – Psalm 67  
October 1, 2009 – Colossians 3:12-17  
October 2, 2009 – Romans 3:27-31  
October 3, 2009 – James 2:1-9

Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Though Jesus Christ God restores our relationship and has granted us the gift of grace. We experience God's grace as peace. God's peace restores, sustains and heals. In response to this good news, Christians go into the world to proclaim and become part of God's peace giving as peacemakers. As each passage is read, consider the following questions:

- † What does this passage say about God's gift of peace?
- † What does this passage say about our calling as a peacemaker?
- † What is God inviting me to do or be or change through this passage?

This resource may be used in private and group devotions, worship, or private and group Bible study.  
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